



**The House of Representatives  
STATE OF HAWAII**

## **Calendar Listing**

For Immediate Release

### **Public invited to Community Forums on Constitution Convention and Maunalua Bay in East Oahu**

Representative Lyla Berg (D18-Hahaione, Kuliouou, Niu Valley, Hawaii Loa Ridge, Aina Haina, Wailupe, Kahala) will be hosting two community forums in East Oahu to discuss the proposition of a Constitutional Convention and the fate of Maunalua Bay.

#### **Wednesday, October 15, 2008 - Community Forum: "Implications of a Constitutional Convention" from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Niu Valley Middle School**

Voters will be faced with a decision in the November 2008 general election to determine whether there should be a Constitutional Convention in Hawaii. During a Constitutional Convention delegates propose revisions or amendments to the Hawaii Constitution. The forum will include guest panelists David Hagino, Annelie Amaral, Lehua Kinilau, and Joanne Maruoka.

#### **Tuesday, October 21, 2008 - Community Forum: "The Fate of Maunalua Bay" from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Hahaione School Cafetorium**

Maunalua Bay has been deteriorating over the past 50 years due to urban development. Malama Maunalua, a community-based organization, has been working with the Nature Conservancy to preserve and restore the region to what it used to be. The bay was once rich with coral reefs and fish, but because of freshwater discharge, alien species invasion and other environmental issues it has drastically changed. The forum will include guest panelists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Malama Maunalua and the Board of Water Supply. The public is encouraged to come and learn more about the history of Maunalua Bay, the problem it faces and the community efforts to preserve and restore it.

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